

ance company. To join a church, any church, for self protection would not make him a Christian, much less, a better man than a Christian; how does it come about then that gaining another body for such a motive makes him better than a Christian, or this body better than even the most selfish church. The Christian motive is to give without any hope of receiving back. Such a hope would destroy the Christian character of the act. Let any of the so called benevolent orders be run on this principle, and when it has thus lived as long as the Christian church it may boast. Until it acts thus disinterestedly it should be a little meek. Such talk from such men does not come with very good grace. No. If self-sacrificing love is not found in the church, it is not found in any other organization.

#### CONCLUSIONS.

1. The church has lost her hold on the common people because she has let other societies do for money what she ought to have done for love to Jesus Christ and for love to man. If she had always done her duty toward the common people she would not only be able now to feed them but to save them, and make them able to feed themselves.

2. The church has lost much by the individual Christian giving his money and influence to organizations outside the church. He will neglect an important meeting of the church for a meeting of the lodge and pay it, but would be filled with "righteous indignation" if the church dare assess him, all this; and yet he professes and expects others to believe that he loves the church more than the lodge. Such inconsistency is a reproach to the church, and has made her bleed at every pore.

3. All so called benevolent organizations are based upon self-love which is good so far as it goes; but no one will for a moment compare such a motive with self-sacrificing love. A Christian from self-love is not a Christian at all. Only self-sacrificing love is characteristic of a Christian.

4. What men want is not charity but hope. Men do not want our gifts. They want to feel that they were or are capable of being men. —We can only give them this hope by giving ourselves. By sitting down alongside of

the poor fallen man, as Christ did by the woman of Samaria. Christ will ever be the true and highest pattern of a Brother. He comes to you to give and not to get. To enlarge your life and not to enlarge his treasure. Who tonight will take him?

### Essays and Contributions.

#### CONQUERING THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.

BY ENOCK FETTERS.

All our hearts surely rejoice not only at the great numbers of accessions reported through the EVANGELIST, but also at the great number of accessions everywhere in all denominations. How the old veterans of the cross can shout, "Blessed be the name of the Lord," as they see the young people in all Christian nations organizing themselves for active Christian work. They are joining hand and heart in the work, irrespective of denomination, in conquering the world for Christ, and God is abundantly blessing their work because of their union.

Has there ever been any society that has equaled the growth of the Y. P. S. C. E.? Its growth can be attributed I think to the united spirit of its workers. True the Epworth League has had a glorious career, but that much is due on account of its being organized in a large church. I cannot believe that our young people have made a strong point or that they will ever accomplish as much under the name "King's Children" as if they had chosen the name of C. E. The object is much the same and why do they not have the same banner flying.

Not only will the world be conquered for Christ, but it will be done in this generation. The church has recognized the influence of the young people's work in this land and also in the foreign field, and they are encouraging them to take up the work in every department. The Volunteer Band of only eight years existence has made a more wonderful growth than the C. E. considering the depth of its meaning. Never has there been such a convention held as was held by this organization at Detroit a few weeks ago, where over 1200 delegates assembled, from every state in the U. S. and Canada,

besides a few from Europe. There were over thirty-two different denominations represented, desirous of carrying forward this great work. More universities, colleges, Medical institutions, and seminaries were represented than ever before. The Holy Ghost reigned in every heart and ruled each meeting. The inspiring power of this meeting will add many recruits to the volunteer band, which means that in a few years thousands of young men and ladies will go to strengthen and assist the 800 missionaries in the foreign field now from this land. The 3400 foreign missionaries from all Christendom with 30,000 native missionaries will be strengthened so much by these additions that the ramparts of Satan will soon be torn down, his agents destroyed and the poor human beings whom he has kept in darkness will be privileged to taste of the pleasures of a loving father.

It is useless for me to take the space to here defend the foreign missionary movement or to speak of its blessed importance, there are so many good books written on it. It is no longer an experiment. Whole islands in the sea with upwards of 1500 to 25,000 people have been completely won over for Christ within the last 50 years, and it is just as possible to win over whole empires now or even continents, since the way has been opened up, the Bible translated into those languages, and all obstacles removed.

Are we going to stand by and see these millions of people waiting to receive the kingdom of God and not do our part? We all love to see our beloved denomination increase. Could there be a more appropriate place for growth than in these heathen lands? Would not the same amount of money used in proselyting in this land win a great many more souls over there? You may say we are too weak but if our division of God's great army—the Brethren church—was really baptized with the working spirit of the Holy Ghost we would be ready in a few weeks to carry forward our part of God's work with great success. Let no one suppose that the heathen are not intelligent enough to understand what the Bible teaches. I met a Persian minister, who was brought to Christ through